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Other Individuals and Organizations Involved or Interviewed

THOMAS STEWART PALMER, 2728 West Davis, Apartment 125, in addition to the information given on November 24, 1963, advised that he was the local representative of the AGVA, having taken over from ALTON SHARP, of the same organization, who had left Dallas first for St. Louis and had then been transferred to Chicago. (ALTON SHARP's known name is JACK (CONRAD) BROWN) ✓

PALMER stated that WILLIAM DONNELY is the husband of the sister of PALMER's wife. DONNELY lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is an engineer on a railroad believed to be the Southern Pacific and his run is made between Las Vegas, Nevada and Los Angeles, California.

PALMER stated that on November 25, 1963, the day after JACK RUBY had shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD and after PALMER had furnished information to the local Dallas FBI Office, that he called WILLIAM DONNELY in Las Vegas. PALMER's purpose in calling DONNELY was to have the information which PALMER possessed in the possession of at least one additional person, in event the information turned out to be significant.

PALMER further stated that when his secretary, Mrs. HUGHES, who is a cousin of BROWN, received the call from ALTON SHARP that PALMER was not sure in his mind whether or not the information could have some significance in relation to RUBY's shooting of OSWALD or whether it related to JACK RUBY's business at the Carousel Club.

From PALMER's experience he stated that RUBY was "always striving to impress people" and in this connection would frequently bypass the local AGVA Office and ALTON SHARP in Chicago and had, on occasion, contacted JOEY ADAMS, the National President in New York City, on some matter that could have been handled locally.

PALMER explained however, that on the possibility that the information might have been of value to the FBI investigation, he had immediately furnished it to the FBI and stated he did not want to furnish it to any

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local authority.

PALMER also stated that from his dealing with RUBY as the AGVA representative he knew that RUBY had the feeling that he was being discriminated against and, for that reason, would probably have contacted Chicago direct.

PALMER concluded that, in the recent shake-ups in the AGVA, BROWN had been relieved of his duties in Chicago and IRVING MAZZEI, West Coast AGVA Representative, had also been "eased" out. In view of the AGVA shake-up and RUBY's known nature, PALMER stated that he was of the opinion that the previously referred to message undoubtedly referred to RUBY's desire to deal with "higher ups" and thereby impress people more.